

WEEKLY REPORT
Region 9
Environmental Protection Agency
Week of December 23, 2016
Superfund Division

Highlight of Past Week

Triple Site Offsite OU VI: Temperatures are currently ideal for winter sampling (nighttime lows down to the 40s & below) and we are sampling as many households as we can up until the holiday break. Last week's outdoor air sampling with the Region 9 mobile lab did not reveal any immediately obvious point sources that may have contributed to the elevated outdoor air TCE concentrations measured during October and November sampling (TCE levels up to 1.5 ug/m3). TCE levels in most outdoor sampling locations were non-detect, with the exception of levels of up to 1.3 ug/m3 measured near the Philips groundwater treatment system. We plan to work with the RP to conduct additional sampling to determine whether the treatment system is experiencing fugitive or stack emissions that should be rectified. We are also working with the RP to optimize currently passive mitigation systems where an alternative electricity service has not yet been established (due to the property owners' preferences, delays with PG&E and related issues). As a first step the RP is installing roof-mounted wind turbines to the riser pipes and will explore additional options as needed until the power situation has been resolved and the systems have been converted to active depressurization status. (Contact: Melanie Morash, x2-3050 or Alejandro Diaz, x2-3242)

Montrose/Del Amo Vapor Intrusion Investigation: We have completed the resampling of selected soil gas borings as part of the 2nd Phase of the Vapor Intrusion Investigations. Also, we have collected the indoor air samples from 4 residential units and [Personal Privacy 6]. We will have preliminary results early January 2017. Additionally, we talked to [Personal Privacy 6] and coordinated with LA County Public Health regarding [Personal Privacy 6] sampling and discussed the available information of the area. (Contact: Yarrisa Martinez, x4-1806)

Hunters Point Naval Shipyard Superfund site, San Francisco, California: Enrique Manzanilla (EPA Region 9 Superfund Division Director) and the site team met with concerned community members and Greenaction to discuss their list of demands in an October 2016 letter to the agencies. Grant Cope, Deputy Secretary of California Environmental Protection Agency, and Mohsen Grant, the Deputy Director for Cleanup and Brownfields for California Department of Toxic Substances Control also attended by phone. The main concern was the Navy's investigation of Tetra Tech's falsification of radiation samples and the credibility of related cleanup at this site and nationwide. EPA shared a recent letter sent to Navy management with recommendations for technical evaluation and community engagement. Greenaction plans to review and send their comments to us. (Contact: Jackie Lane, x2-3236 and Lily Lee, x7-4187)

Anaconda (Arimetco OU): Members of the site team traveled to Nevada during the week of

December 12 to conduct the public meeting and tribal consultations regarding the Proposed Plan for the Arimetco Operable Unit. RPM Dante Rodriguez, Section Chief Harry Ball, Assistant Director Angeles Herrera, and Community Involvement Coordinator Sarah Cafasso made the trip. Two sessions of the public meeting were held on December 12, in Yerington, NV, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. Both meetings were lightly attended, and no one made verbal comments, although the various stakeholders in attendance all indicated they would submit written comments. Public comments on the Arimetco OU Proposed Plan have been received from several stakeholders to date. The public comment period ends on December 21.

Deliberative Process (b) (5)

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Significant Items for Next Week

Selma Pressure Treating Company (Selma, CA): EPA has installed reverse osmosis systems for two residential wells with hexavalent chromium concentrations above the State of California Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL). EPA plans to sample the filtered water next week. DTSC will continue bottled water delivery to residents until EPA has verified that hexavalent chromium concentrations are below the State of California MCL. (Contact: Grace Ma, x7-4212 or Chris Reiner, x2-3414)

Press Stories, Significant Policy, Regulatory, or Legal Actions (2-3 weeks out)

Grant Announcements

Legislative Engagement

Travel, Training, Public/National Meetings, and Speaking Engagements

30-60 Day Outlook

Other Information

Division Director Schedule:

Internal Personnel (b) (2)

Internal to Region 9

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